



City of Cincinnati

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LOCAL CONTRACTORS ARE INVITED TO BECOME A PART OF BLOOMING VINE STREET!

On Tuesday, October 8th, the City's Purchasing Department advertised bid packages for work required to improve 11 buildings selected to participate in the City's Vine Street Façade Program. Contractors may bid on work for all eleven buildings or selected buildings. They may also bid on all work identified for individual properties or they may bid on selected work. Bids must be submitted to the City's Purchasing Department by 12:00 pm on October 23, 2002. The buildings are located at:

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| • 1107 Vine | 1232 Vine | 1717-19 Vine |
| • 1207-09 Vine | 1237 Vine | 1720-22 Vine |
| • 1214-18 Vine | 1435 Vine | 1733 Vine |
| • 1220 Vine | 1531 Vine | |

City Council's June 26th approval of Ordinance No. 0167-2002, created a revised Vine Street Façade Program that permits the City to invest more than \$246,850 in HUD Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to assist in revitalizing these 11 Vine Street buildings in Over The Rhine. Together these buildings contain more than 22,718 square feet of retail/commercial space and about 39,413 square feet of residential. Once all rehabilitation work is complete, at least 10 storefronts and more than 40 apartments will be more attractive places to live, visit and shop.

The Façade Program Architect and Construction Manager have completed specs for the façade rehab work. Work is anticipated to begin this year and to be completed next year. The City's investment will leverage close to \$100,000 in owner equity and almost \$400,000 in Lead Dust Research & Demonstration Project grant funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

On Tuesday, October 15th, Bill Menrath, Project Construction Manager, will conduct a walking tour of the selected buildings to acquaint prospective bidders with the buildings and the work to be done. The tour will begin at 10:30 am at 1720 Vine Street (Stenger's Café). No reservations are needed to participate in the tour.

Bid Packages may be obtained from the City's Purchasing Department (805 Central Avenue, Suite #234). In addition, bid packages may be reviewed at the Cincinnati Business Incubator (1634 Central Parkway, in Over The Rhine), the African American Chamber of Commerce (2945 Gilbert Avenue, in Walnut Hills) and the Hamilton County Business Incubator (1776 Mentor Avenue, in Norwood).

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